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In re Application of	:	Alexei A. Karve, et al.
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Examiner	:	Olubusola Oni
Group Art Unit	:	2168
For	:	METHOD AND APPARATUS MAP ASSOCIATIONS WITH BITSETS WITHIN A DATABASE TO PROCESS QUERIES

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated November 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as set forth in Appendix A appended hereto.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection of claims 1 - 36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Publication number 2003/0135495 to Vagnozzi.

The Examiner's interpretation of the Vagnozzi reference and the manner in which he has applied same to the claims in the instant application is erroneous. The Examiner is asserting that each and every element claimed by Applicants is found in the Vagnozzi reference. The Examiner bases his